

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

2017 OCT 12 AM 9:59

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Vice Chair; David B. Alper, D.P.M., Member; Wesley B. Chin, Health Director; Brianne Gray, Environmental Health Intern; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

The Hearing for a request for a variance of an external grease trap for CLC Café at 442 Common Street began. Mr. Rob Pelletier, Owner, and Mr. Michael Gattis, Manager were present for the Hearing. Wesley Chin briefly reviewed the literature given to the Board members which detailed the use of an all-natural biological dosing system for an internal grease trap (BioOne). Dr. Alper asked if the alternative system can be gauged for effectiveness. Mr. Pelletier said monthly inspections and monitoring will be performed by his contractor, Food Grease Trappers. Mr. Pelletier also informed the Board that the owner of Food Grease Trappers can be reached for questions and/or concerns the Board may have. Mr. Pelletier will not prepare foods with a fry-o-later, so there will not be much oil used in food prep. Food preparation is typically done by grilling or sautéing. Mr. Gattis estimated that less than 5 gallons of oil per month is used for food preparation. Baking will be done on the premises. Wesley Chin distributed a handout provided by Dan MacDonald, Belmont's Plumbing Inspector and a former Member of the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters. The handout detailed use of a crop-based degreaser (Protein Matrix) as an alternative in solving the problem of fats, oil, and grease (FOG). This degreaser was approved by the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters, and is similar to BioOne.

The Board voted 3 – 0 to approve the request for a variance of an external grease trap for CLC Café at 442 Common Street, with the following requirement:

- On or before March 30, 2018, Health Department staff will confirm BioOne is effective in preventing FOG from entering the Belmont Sewer System.
- CLC Café is to provide Health Department Staff with monthly grease trap reports to include detailed information about the amount of grease accumulation inside the interior grease trap.

Board Members welcomed Ms. Brianne Gray, Environmental Health Intern to the meeting. Ms. Gray is currently attending Boston University, Master of Public Health Program. She provided a brief overview of her present and prior experiences which led her to apply for the open position of Environmental Health Intern in Belmont. Ms. Gray answered questions from Board members concerning rodent movement in Belmont. She also shared details of Veterans' Services projects she is working on with Bob Upton. Board members thanked Ms. Gray for her work efforts, and are appreciative that she agreed to continue working with the department through the fall season.

The July 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Receipts report was reviewed.

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

The Financial report was reviewed.

The Director's report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- Food inspections at Number One Taste resulted in a Temporary Order to close. Re-inspection of the restaurant showed improvement. Mr. Sy said he will engage in the services of a professional cleaning company. Jim Feeney will re-inspect the establishment before the end of 2017.
- Butternut Baker, a new food establishment, will be sharing space with Vintage Tea and Cake.
- A re-inspection was needed at Stone Hearth Pizza, following Jim Feeney's initial food inspection.
- Rodent issues in Belmont and future public discussion concerning same. Ask Buono Pest Control to assist with a presentation to the public. May help to reduce the number of calls and inspections currently being done by staff. Set up a public meeting in the winter months to encourage pro-active preparation for spring rodent activity. Work on an educational video clip with Belmont Media, similar to the Hidden In Plain Sight project done by Janet.
- Hoarding grant approval – participant progress will be tracked.
- Hidden in Plain Sight video – pass on to the Middle School, present at School Committee Meeting, Belmont listserv, and other media opportunities.
- Wes said a Belmont resident shared her displeasure with the Health Department's efforts to develop an opioid awareness programs. Board members agreed the Department has limited resources. Grant funding from Mount Auburn Hospital Community Health Department will be earmarked for substance abuse awareness, to be done by an Emerson College intern.
- Board members and Wes discussed a list of goals to be accomplished now that Wes is the Health Director. Some of the goals were: establish additional pre-opening requirements at the Farmer's Market; establish and publish a food establishment grading system; rodent vectoring, similar to mosquito control; and obtaining Title 5 Soil Evaluator certification.
- The deadline to apply for The Assistant Health Director position is September 29th.

The Food Inspection report was reviewed.

The Disease and Nurse's report was reviewed.

The Animal Control Officer's report was reviewed.

Ms. Lemay will attend the next scheduled Recreation Commission meeting. One of the agenda items is a discussion concerning personal flotation device use in Town pools.

The Veterans' Services report was reviewed. The new flag boxes were discussed. Bob Upton, VSO, will assist with a flag burning ceremony in October. Details will be provided when available.

The Active Shooter training in Watertown took place on August 22nd at the Cunniff Elementary School in Watertown. Belmont Health Department participants included Angela Braun, Wesley Chin, Brianne Gray, and David Neylon, along with Belmont Fire and Police personnel.

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

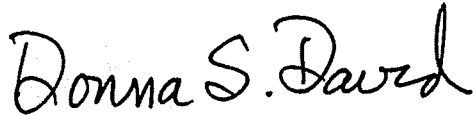
Complaints were reviewed, specifically the dumpster odor matter, a barking dog on a chain, and a dog to dog incident near Prentiss Lane.

Board members would like John Maguranis and Janet Amdur to join a future meeting.

The next Board of Health Meetings will be October 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm; and November 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm; and December 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna S. David". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair